

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Please amend the first paragraph of the application after the title on page 1, as follows:

-- This application is the United States National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US00/26870 ~~filed September 29, 1999, and is also a continuation of~~ filed September 29, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of United States Application No. 09/408,584, filed September 29, 1999, now issued as United States Patent No. 6,398,774. --